

Application No.: 10/752,208
Amendment dated November 7, 2006
Reply to Office Action of May 9, 2006

REMARKS

With the filing of this RCE, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments, and consideration of the application, as amended.

By this Amendment, claim 1 was amended to comply with the suggestions made by the Examiner and claim 2 was canceled. Several claims were amended to comply with the cancellation of claim 2. Claim 33 was also amended to comply with the amendment of claim 1. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided.

Claims 1, 3-10, and 21-33 are now pending in this application.

The Applicant wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the assistance that the Applicant's undersigned Agent received from Examiner Philip Gabler and SPE James Hansen in a phone interview held on July 13, 2006. The Applicant is grateful for the suggestions provided and believes that Mr. Gabler's and Mr. Hansen's assistance markedly advanced this application to allowance.

1. Response to Drawing Objected

In paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Action, the Patent Office objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention recited in claim 33. The Applicant believes that the above amendment to claim 33 overcomes this objection.

2. Response to Anticipation Rejections

In paragraphs 1 through 13 on pages 3 and 4 of the Action, the Patent Office Rejected claims 1-10, 32, and 33 as anticipated by what is disclosed in U.S. Patent 3,873,114 of Brown [herein "Brown"]. The Applicant believes that the above amendment to claim 1 clearly distinguishes the claimed invention from Brown. For example, the Applicant submits that Brown does not disclose at least one second lid that is slidably translatable along the open top of the enclosure between the first lid and

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the third lid. The Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

3. Response to Obviousness Rejections

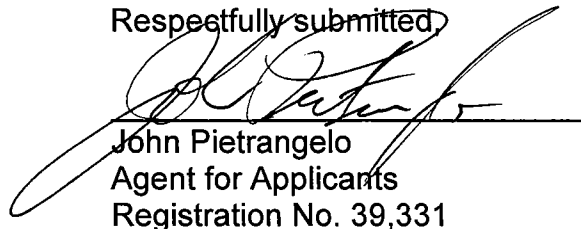
In paragraphs 14 through 18 on pages 6 through 8 of the Action, the Patent Office Rejected claims 21-30 as obvious in view of Brown and U.S. Patent 2,200399 of Primas [herein "Primas"]. The Applicant submits that Primas does not provide the teachings missing from Brown, therefore claims 21-30 are patentably distinct from the teachings of Brown and Primas for the same reasons that claim 1 is patentably distinct from Brown. The Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

4. Conclusions

The Applicant believes that the above Amendment and Remarks overcome the rejections of the subject Office Action and place the application in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant's undersigned Agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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